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FROM : Amembassy Buenos Aires

DATE: FEB 20 1979

SUBJECT : Anti-Human Rights Publication

REF :

(U) In January 1979, the "Argentine Patriotic Association" distributed to the local and international press, foreign embassies, government agencies and public opinion leaders a 190 page book entitled, "Argentina and ITS Human Rights" (emphasis in original). The book, printed in Spanish with poor English and French translations, is written in a hard nationalist rhetoric. Its pages are filled with grisly photos of bloodied heads and cadavers, people's prisons, etc.

(U) The publication argues and presents information purporting to show that a number of human rights groups concerned about Argentina are serving the international Marxist conspiracy against the Argentine people. Among the groups cited are the International Red Cross, the Argentine Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, Amnesty International, and foreign press agencies. The document has had a chilling effect on the members and staffs of these organizations as it lists names and some local addresses.

The International Red Cross Latin American Delegate has called in the Argentine Ambassador in Geneva and requested an official explanation regarding the document. The Associated Press Bureau Chief has inquired about publication with the Embassy and requested information regarding the publishers or financial interests behind the document. We have been unable to locate the publisher or even buy extra copies.

(U) Enclosed are two copies of the English text of the publication for Department's information and use.

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